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Operational activities for development: South-South cooperation

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 25 (see A/67/442, para. 2). Action on sub-item (b) was taken at the 29th and 35th meetings, on 15 November and 11 December 2012. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/67/SR.29 and 35).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/67/L.8 and A/C.2/67/L.57

2. At the 29th meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "South-South cooperation" (A/C.2/67/L.8), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Reaffirming* its resolution 64/222 of 21 December 2009, in which it endorsed the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 33/134 of 19 December 1978, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 60/212 of 22 December 2005, 62/209 of 19 December 2007, 63/233 of 19 December 2008, 64/1 of 6 October 2009, 64/221 of 21 December 2009, 66/219 of 22 December 2011 and other resolutions relating to South-South cooperation,

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"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation;

"2. *Also takes note* of the report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation at its seventeenth session and endorses the decisions contained therein;

"3. *Encourages* all United Nations organizations, specialized agencies, funds and programmes, as well as the regional commissions, to take concrete measures to effectively mainstream support to South-South and triangular cooperation in their policy and regular programming work, and in this context, requests those organizations and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation to leverage each other's institutional and technical capacities;

"4. *Urges* the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation to take extra efforts to mobilize additional resources to meet the increased demand from Member States for the funding of South-South initiatives, especially those designed to address challenges of common concern with the aim of benefiting a large number of countries, and in this regard, encourages all countries in a position to do so, to contribute generously to the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation and the Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation;

"5. *Decides* to hold the eighteenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation from 19 to 23 May 2014, to be preceded by an organizational meeting on 3 May 2014 to elect the President of the Bureau of the eighteenth session of the High-level Committee;

"6. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session, under the item entitled 'Operational activities for development', the sub-item entitled 'South-South cooperation', and requests the Secretary-General to submit to it, at the session, a comprehensive report on the state of South-South cooperation."

3. At its 35th meeting, on 11 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "South-South cooperation" (A/C.2/67/L.57), submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Modest Jonathan Mero (United Republic of Tanzania), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.8.

4. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chair, the Committee agreed to waive the relevant provisions of rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and proceeded to act on the draft resolution.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.57 had no programme budget implications.

6. At the 35th meeting, a statement was made by the facilitator, Joshua Mugodo (Kenya), in the course of which he made an oral correction to draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.57 (see A/C.2/67/SR.35).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.57, as orally corrected (see para. 9).

8. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.57, draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

South-South cooperation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 64/222 of 21 December 2009, in which it endorsed the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

Recalling its resolutions 33/134 of 19 December 1978, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 60/212 of 22 December 2005, 62/209 of 19 December 2007, 63/233 of 19 December 2008, 64/1 of 6 October 2009, 64/221 of 21 December 2009, 66/219 of 22 December 2011 and other resolutions relating to South-South cooperation,

Also recalling the 2005 World Summit outcome,[1]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation;[2]

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the seventeenth session[3] of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, and welcomes the decisions adopted;[4]

3. *Encourages* the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and other entities of the United Nations system to take concrete measures to effectively mainstream support to South-South and triangular cooperation in their policy and regular programming work, and in this context requests those organizations and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation to leverage each other's institutional and technical capacities;

4. *Calls upon* the United Nations regional commissions to play a catalytic role in promoting South-South and triangular cooperation and in strengthening their technical, policy and research support for countries of their regions;

5. *Recognizes* the need to mobilize adequate resources for enhancing South-South and triangular cooperation, in this context invites all countries in a position to do so to contribute in support of such cooperation through, inter alia, the Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation and the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation, and in this context encourages the Office for South-South Cooperation to undertake additional resource mobilization initiatives to attract more financial and in-kind resources, while avoiding the proliferation and fragmentation of financing arrangements;

6. *Decides* to hold the eighteenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation from 19 to 22 May 2014, to be preceded by an organizational meeting on 5 May 2014 to elect the President and the Bureau of the eighteenth session of the High-level Committee;

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[1] Resolution 60/1.

[2] A/67/208.

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 39* (A/67/39).

[4] Ibid., chap. I.

7. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session, under the item entitled "Operational activities for development", the sub-item entitled "South-South cooperation", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to it, before the beginning of the session, a comprehensive report on the state of South-South cooperation.